enhance the training and proficiency levels. The feasibility of few types of simulators have been tested.

Sabotage and theft at Itarsi Ordnance Factory

†4161. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the incident of sabotage and theft of equipments done in the ordnance factory situated near Itarsi in Hoshangabad district, recently on the night of 13th and 14th June, 2001;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard, so far; and

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to stop such type of incidents in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The damage was rectified and plant operation resumed on the night of 13th June itself. An FIR was lodged with the police. A Board of Enquiry has been constituted to investigate into the incident.

(c) Security surveillance has been intensified to avoid recurrence.

Sale of Lakshya Aircraft

4162. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the orders are not being received for Lakshya, the country's first Pilotless Target Aircraft;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it has become fully functional now; and

(d) how much period it had taken to develop it fully ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI KRISHNAMRAJU): (a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is already executing orders for 'Lakshya' system for the Air Force, the Navy and the Army under a Limited Series Production. Negotiations are

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.